



MIS & ASSOCIATES

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



THE ULTIMATE REWARD FOR US
IS THE SATISFACTION
OF OUR CLIENTS

PROFILE

A law firm member of the IBS Marine Group which is integrated by a young and energetic group of professionals with over 15 years of experience.

The success of our firm is built upon the professional integrity and compromise of its members, the personalized relationship between our lawyers and clients and by responding to the client's needs promptly and effectively, while providing them with the highest standards of legal expertise and with a competitive tariff.

AREAS OF PRACTICE:

SHIPPING

MLS & Associates provides the following Maritime legal services :

I. Ship Registry

- Regular Registration
- Bareboat charter (in/out) registrations
- Special registration due to Testing, Delivery or Scrap/Demolition
- Yacht's Registration



2. Discount Applications
3. Ship Registration of Mortgage including the followings services:
 - Review of Mortgage Agreements
 - Drafting of Mortgage Agreements
 - Legal Opinion
 - Discharge of Mortgage
4. Obtainment of Fishing License (Capture) and International License of Transshipment Transport and Support vessels and the others following assignments:
 - Inclusion in the Fishing areas of services i.e. WCPFC/ICCAT/ SPRFMO/ IATTC
 - Coordination of Initial Inspection carry out by ARAP
 - Coordination of Sanitary Inspection carry out by Ministry of Health
 - UE Certificate due to amendments or changes
 - ARAP Certifications
 - Coordination and installation of VMS equipment through CLS Panama
5. Counseling in ship sales and financial transactions, Bill of Lading, voyage and Time Charter party contracts, Towage contracts and Salvage contracts.
6. Filing of reconsideration recourse/appeals against fines imposed by the Panama Maritime Authority to any Panamanian Flagged vessel.
7. Filing of application to obtain Non encumbrance and Good Standing Certificates
8. Review/obtainment of Ship station licenses
9. Public Registry and Merchant Marine Searches.
10. Filing application for discounts in the initial registration
11. Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
12. International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)
13. Minimum Safe Manning (MSMC)
14. Tonnage Certificate (ITC) due to change of vessel's name
15. Bunker Certificates/CLC Certificates
16. Wreck Certificates
17. CSO/ISM Declaration
18. Exemption Certificates
19. Authorizations
20. Approval for Private Security Companies
21. DMLC Part I
22. Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP) and International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC).

Our office can also provide Registration or any other assignments of vessels under the following registries :



BELIZE



BOLIVIA



HONDURAS



JAMAICA



LIBERIA



MARSHALL
ISLAND



MOLDOVA



TANZANIA



TOGO



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CORPORATION

Our firm is also fully competent in the incorporation, organization, administration and operation of offshore companies in a diversity of worldwide jurisdictions such as Panama, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands (BVI), Cayman Island, Jamaica, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Nevis, Mauritius, Seychelles.

In addition, our service includes drafting of Articles of incorporation, company by-laws, Shareholder's agreements, drafting of Minutes of meetings, Power of attorneys, Goodstanding Certificates.

We provide counseling and creation of the following legal structures which are useful for estate planning, assets protection and minimization or deferral of tax liability:

- Private Interest Foundations
- Limited Liability Companies
- Trust
- Wills



As ordered by law, the Articles of Incorporation must, at least, contain the following information:

- Name of the Corporation
- Corporate activities
- Corporate Capital (description of the amount, number of stocks, distribution, classes, etc.)
- Duration of the corporation, which can be perpetual
- Name and complete address of 3 directors and Officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary)

IMMIGRATION

We provide assistance to any foreign citizen who wishes to establish temporarily or permanently within the Republic of Panama.

For these purpose, the following permits may be obtained providing the required documents for each particular type of Visa:

- Pensioner and retiree Visas (Permanent Residence)
- Self-Support Visa (Permanent Residence)
- Resident permit for foreigners marrieds to Panamanian citizen
- Friendly countries Visa (Permanent Residence)
- Temporary permit for Personnel hired by multinational companies headquartered in Panama
- Temporary permit for personnel hired as Executives of international companies with duties abroad
- Temporary permit as a foreign personnel hired under 10 or 15% of the ordinary work force
- Tourist extension
- Multiple Visa



LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

MLS & associates is highly proficient on labor and employment counseling provided to companies operating in the Republic of Panama. In this area, our law firm offers its clients the following legal services:

- Work Permits
- Drafting and registration of labor contracts
- Registration of company and employees before the social security fund
- Drafting and approval of company's work rules at the Ministry of Labor and Labor Courts of Panama.



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